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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2002. A petition for a one-(1) month extension of time is included herewith. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

In the Claims

Please amend claim 11-13 and 17 as set forth below. A version marked up to show changes made to the claims relative to the previous version of the claims is attached herewith.

21 11 (amended). The method of claim 1, further including the step of:

coating the surface of the wood substrate with a liquid coating composition comprising a polymer or polymer precursor dispersed or dissolved in a liquid.

12 (amended). The method of claim 11, wherein the liquid coating composition comprises an aliphatic polyurethane polymer dispersed or dissolved in a solvent.

13 (amended). The method of claim 1, further including the step of: